

REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 1-6, 8, 9, 11-15, 17, 18, and 20 are pending in this application. Claims 2-4, 7, 10, 16, 19 and 21-28 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 9, 12, 15, 18 and 20 has been amended. No new matter has been added. In view of foregoing amendments and following remarks, the Applicants request allowance of the application.

Substance of the Examiner Interviews

In the Examiner interview conducted on September 22, 2009 between the undersigned and Examiners Shaikh and Felton, the Examiners agreed that the Lipschutz and Hurcal references did not disclose all of the features recited in the independent claims. The Examiners stated that the final Office Action would be withdrawn, and a new Office Action would be issued.

On October 21, 2009, Examiners Kazimi and Shaikh contacted the undersigned stating that the application would be in condition for allowance if certain amendments were made. The Examiners suggested the independent claims would be allowable if the features of claims 3, 4 and 28 were incorporated into all of the independent claims.

The above remarks summarize the substance of the interview and no further submission is believed to be required.

Discussion of Claim Amendments

The features of claims 3, 4 and 28 have been incorporated into the independent claims. Based on the Examiners' previous admission that the applied prior art did not disclose all of the features recited in the claims, Applicant respectfully submits that the present claims further distinguish the claims from the applied prior art.

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CONCLUSION

All outstanding rejections have been overcome. It is respectfully submitted that, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the application is in clear condition for allowance. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Although not believed necessary, the Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

The Office is invited to contact the undersigned at 202-220-4200 to discuss any matter regarding this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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